(b) All States and Union Territories, except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland have specified special courts as required under Section 14 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The State of Rajasthan has set up six exclusive special courts for trying atrocity cases against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) The State Governments/UTs have been requested to take urgency necessary action.

[*English*]

C.P.W.D. Staff Declared Industrial Workers

2625. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of office staff working in Divisional and sub divisional offices of CPWD are essential services;

(b) whether the staff of other categories i.e. Work Charged staff working in Divisional and sub divisional officers of CPWD have since been declared industrial workers under I.D. Act. 1948;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminating between officer staff and W.C. staff; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir, they have not been declared as essential service.

(b) The workcharged staff working in Divisional and Sub-Divisional offices of CPWD are not formally declared as industrial workers. However, for certain matters like grant of leave, membership of trade union, etc., the employees in the work charged establishment are regarded as industrial workers and government by industrial laws of the country as applicable.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Naming of Roads After Bir Tikendrajeet

2626. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for naming one of the roads/lanes in the capital after Bir Tikendrajeet who was a martyr; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There is no such proposal with Delhi Administration which is primarily concerned with the matter.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

[*English*]

Persons Suffering from Cataract

2627. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of people are suffering from cataract in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof State-Wise;

(c) whether patients suffering from cata-

ract will go blind in case they are not treated in time; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government for their treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per survey conducted by Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi During 1986-89, 81% of blindness in due to cataract. The State-wise prevalence of blindness due to cataract as per 1981 Census is given in the attached Statement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of India launched a National Programme for Control of Blindness in the year 1976 which is an ongoing programme in which eye care services have been developed in the peripheral sector (Primary Health Centre), intermediate Sector (District Hospitals and District Mobile Units) and Central Sector (Medical Colleges, Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology etc.). The 'eye-camps approach' has been a adopted through Mobile Units. These Mobile Units organise frequent eye camps in peripheral areas for doing cataract operations.

At intermediate level, District Hospitals have been upgraded. Ophthalmic Surgeons and Ophthalmic Assistants have been provided alongwith Ophthalmic equipment to perform contact surgery.

2. At Central Sector level, Government of India has so far upgraded the Department of Ophthalmology of 60 Medical Colleges and 10 Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology in the country. They are also performing cataract surgery apart from the activities.

3. Voluntary Organisations also organise camps for cataract operations. Government of India is giving financial assistance @ Rs. 60/- per cataract operations when the Voluntary Organisations are not using Government Mobile Units and Rs. 40/- per cataract operation is given to those using Government Mobile Units.

Further development and strengthening of Community Health Centres and small eye hospitals in the mofussil area as well as sub-divisional areas (Taluk area) is planned in a phased manner.

STATEMENT

S. No.	*States/UTs*	*No. of Cataract cases (in millions)*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.5690
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.0154
3.	Assam	N.A.
4.	Bihar	1.9140
5.	Goa	0.0320

S. No.	*States/UTs*	*No. of Cataract cases (in millions)*
1	*2*	*3*
6.	Gujarat	0.7100
7.	Haryana	0.2280
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.0520
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.2540
10.	Karnataka	1.5120
11.	Kerala	0.6610
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1.8000
13.	Maharashtra	1.6560
14.	Manipur	0.0146
15.	Meghalaya	0.0000
16.	Mizoram	0.0000
17.	Nagaland	N.A.
18.	Orissa	0.9212
19.	Punjab	0.1870
20.	Rajasthan	1.0776
21.	Sikkim	0.0026
22.	Tamil Nadu	0.7350
23.	Tripura	0.0383
24.	Uttar Pradesh	0.6060
25.	West Bengal	0.4000
26.	Pondicherry	0.0031

S. No.	*States/UTs*	*No. of Cataract cases (in millions)*
1	*2*	*3*
27.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.0021
28.	Chandigarh	0.0152
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	N.A.
30.	Daman & Diu	N.A.
31.	Delhi	0.0530
32.	Lakshadweep	0.0006
	Total	18.4656

[*English*]

Recommendations of NCRL

2628. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the National Commission on rural Labour (N.C.R.L.) have been submitted to the Government;

(b)) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The action Government propose to take the recommendations of N.C.R.L.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c). the N.C.R.L. submitted its report to Government on 31st July, 91. It has made wide ranging recommendations for improving the condition of rural labour, which cover, welfare economic & other aspects of rural labour. Government is examining these recommendations.

[*Translation*]

Government Accommodation to Employees of Delhi Telephone Department

2629. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is P&T pool among other pools under the Directorate of Estate;

(b) the number of officers and employees in Delhi Telephone Department who have been allotted accommodation from this pool;

(c) the procedure being followed for converting the general pool accommodation into P&T pool accommodation and who is empowered for effecting this conversion; and

(d) the particulars of the officials whose applications for converting the general pool accommodation to P&T pool are under consideration?